

Parent Memo
From Ms. Lorie
St. Mary's Grade School

Friday, February 2, 2024

Dear St. Mary's Families:

We had a fun filled and spiritual week of events for Catholic Schools Week. Thank you to all who donated and joined us during this special week!

Today, our link for re-enrollment opens for the 24-25 school year. If you intend for your child(ren) to return to St. Mary's for next year, please use the following link to secure your enrollment. Our classrooms are filling quickly!

<https://stmaryswv.org/return/>

Reminders:

*****Valentine's Party Day** has been moved to February 13 at 1:30 because February 14 is Ash Wednesday and we have to attend mass that afternoon.

HOPE Scholarship recipients: The renewal window opened on Jan 3 and will extend to June 15. We highly recommend that you begin the renewal process now for the 2024-2025 school year.

TAPS – Tuition Assistance Program opens February 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. This year there will be 3 phases of awards. Phase I is open to Catholic families only. Enrollment is Feb 1 – April 30, 2024. Awards announced in late May.
Phase II is open to ALL families. Enrollment is open until July 14. Awards announced in August.
Phase III is open to All families and enrollment is available until August 23, 2024. Awards are announced in September.
Please see the attachment for further information.

Girls On The Run: This program will be open for all girls in grades 3-6 starting in March. The first meeting will be Th, Feb 29. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 at the school. This is a great program that combines physical activity with the building of self esteem. Scholarship money is available to help cover the costs of the program. Contact Lisa Thompson with questions at thompslsm@gmail.com

Family Portal to view GRADES: Mr. Altovilla sent an email on instructions to set up your Family Portal in FACTS to view your child's grades daily. Now that we have activated this option, there will not be any midterm grading reports sent home. If you missed the email, the instructions are attached.

ND and SMS Elimination Dinner: Our schools will be hosting an Elimination Dinner on Feb 24th in the Notre Dame Gym. Cash prize of \$1000. All funds benefit ND and SMS. Tickets may be purchased online or with a paper form sent home last week. Questions? Ask Ashley Vernon at avernon@stmaryswv.org.

HandS Reminders:

Please join us for the next HandS meeting, February 7th at 6pm in the auditorium.

Valentine's Day Dances will be held at the Clarksburg Country Club.

Mother/son Valentine's Dance - Friday February 16 @ 6pm

Daddy/daughter Valentine's Dance - Saturday February 17 @ 5pm

*If you have any Valentine decorations, please drop off at the school

* You may sign up to volunteer for the dances on the HandS Facebook page (the sign up will be posted soon)

*******CALENDAR *******

Watch for changes each week!

Upcoming Dates and Events:

Feb 1: TAPS applications open for Catholic families

Feb 2: Re-enrollment for next year's current students opens

Feb 9: Application for new Catholic students opens

Feb 13: Valentine's Day Party for PK3-6 at 1:30pm

Midterm for 3rd grading period – please use Family Portal to view your child's grades

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday Mass at noon

Feb 16: Application for new students opens for general public

Feb 16: Mother – Son Valentine's Dance ...see HandS notes above

Feb 17: Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance...see HandS notes above

Feb 19: President's Day – NO SCHOOL

Feb 24: ND and SMS Elimination Dinner...see notes above

Feb 29: Girls on the Run begins, 2:30-4:00

March 14: End of 3rd Quarter

March 15: Shamrock Messages delivered by 6th Grade
March 20: Report Cards home
March 25: Field Trip for 3-6 to 4-H Center, Walking With Dinosaurs
March 26: Field Trip for PK4-2 to 4-H Center, Walking With Dinosaurs
March 27: Easter Party for PK3-6
March 28 and 29: Tech Days, no students in school but work will be assigned
April 1-5: Spring Break
April 8: Students return to school
April 9: Picture Day, students may wear regular clothing